Child Labour (IPEC)- . in India for the period ending 31st December, 1993.

(c) To ensure proper implementation of Che programme, a National Steering Com mittee (NSC) comprising representatives of Government, employers, workers and N.G.Gs has been constituted. For selec tion of programmes to be recommended to ELO after due scrutiny, the NSC has framed broad guidelines. Programmes re commended by the NSC are considered for approval by the programme Steering Com mittee of ELO. Funds are released to the organisations directly after they enter into sub-contracts with ILO.

(d) Thirty action programmes covering about 9,600 working children, throughout the country have so far been sanctioned under IPEC. These are focussed on child ren in industries (15 programmes), in agricultural sector (3) and those working in the informal and service sectors (12). In addition to awareness generation meant for the parents of working children and the community at large, the programmes en visage welfare activities such as non-formal education, nutritional assistance, health check-ups and vocational training.

Housing scheme for P. F. subscribers

62. DR. SANJAYA SINH : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are launching a Housing Scheme through Local Housing Boards for employees who subscribe to the Provident Fund Scheme; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

Meeting with IL.O. officials

63. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that the ILO's Deputy Director General Horbert Maier and Ms. Dalmer D. Hoskins, Secretary-General of International Social Security Association met to discuss the new proposals of cooperation between India and the International Labour Organisation, as reported in the Hindustan Times dated the 8th April, 1993;

(b) if so, the details of discussions held and outcome thereof, particularly, relating to the employment generation in the rural /urban area, International programme of elimination of child labour, development of social security institution, and occupational safety measures in plants/refineries; and

(c) whether India has agreed to ratify ILO convention 1990, if so, which are the other countries who have already ratified and also those who have yet to do so ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) and (b) Mr. Heri-bert Maier, Deputy Director General. International Labour Organisation, Geneva and Mr. Dalmer D. Hoskins, Secretary-General of International Social Security Association, Geneva who came to attend \he XIII World Congress on Occupational Safety and Health held in New Delhi on April 4-8, 1993 separately called on the Minister of State for Labour on 7-4-93. These were courtesy calls where various issues concerning labour were informally discussed.

(c) There is no "ILO Convention. 1990."

Disputes pending with Tribunals of Delhi

64 SHRI VISHWASRAO RAMRAO PATH. :

SHRI. RAMENDRA KUMAR YADAV 'RAVI :

Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to refer to answer to Unstarred Question 761 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 1st March, 1993 and state :

(a) the period since when industrial disputes are pending for award with tribunals of Delhi Administration;

(b) what are the reasons for not announcing the awards in time; and

(c) what is the time required for announcing the awards ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Protest against introduction of Employees Pension Scheme

65. SHRI P. UPENDRA : Will the Minister of LABOUR be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government propose to introduce a new Employees Pension Scheme;

(b) if so, whether the trade unions have protested against the proposal as it "militates against workers interest"; and

(c) whether Government propow to vithdraw the scheme in the interest of workers ?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI PABAN SINGH GHATOWAR) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The proposed pension scheme is based on the unanimous recommendation of the Central Board of Trustees, Employees' Provident Fund which is a tripartite body consistiifg of representatives of employees, employers and Central/State Govts, The objective of the pension scheme is to provide comprehensive. social security to the employees in the contingencies of death, permanent total disablement, superannuation, retirement etc. The scheme has, therefore, been generally welcomed. However, trade unions of certain establishments have protested against the proposal. As the Scheme is considered beneficial for the workers, the question of its withdrawal is not under consideration.

मध्य प्रदेश में मिलें बंद होने के कारण प्रभावित मजदूर

66. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या यह सच है कि मध्य प्रदेश में अनेक मिलें बंद पड़ी हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो कितनी मिलें बंद पड़ी हैं और इससे कितने मजदूर प्रभावित हुए हैं;

(ग) ये मिलें कब-कब से बंद पड़ी हैं; और

(घ) इन मिलों को फिर से चालू करने के लिए सरकार क्या प्रयास कर रही है ?

स्वास्थ्य और परिवार कल्याण मंत्रालय में उप मंत्री (श्री पवन सिंह घटोवर) : (क) से (घ) सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और सभा पटल पर रख दी जाएगी ।

मध्य प्रदेश में औद्योगिक एककों के बंद होने के कारण प्रभावित मजदूर

67. **श्री अजीत जोगी :**
चौधरी हरि सिंह :

क्या श्रम मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) मध्य प्रदेश में कौन-कौन से औद्योगिक एकक बंद पड़े हुए हैं और वे कहां-कहां स्थित हैं;

(ख) ये एकक कब से बंद पड़े हैं और इनके बंद पड़े होने के क्या कारण हैं;